

# The Middletown Transcript.

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MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 9, 1877.

THERE is a difference of opinion between Mr. Hayes and his minister of finance which may yet widen into a breach of serious proportions. Mr. Hayes believes in the dollar of the fathers; Mr. Sherman does not. Both parties in Ohio apparently want the silver standard, and the President doesn't want to see his state captured by the democrats; Sherman cares only for his policy. It will be a big fight whenever it comes.

THE fiftieth anniversary of the Episcopal consecration of Pope Pius IX was celebrated last Sunday, by the Catholics throughout this country in union with their brethren throughout the world. In Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Baltimore, New Orleans, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Chicago and other Episcopal cities, Solemn High Masses were celebrated and Te Deums sung in the Cathedral and other cities, towns and villages, where ever a Catholic congregation assembled, there was special observance of the day. Many of the churches, Episcopal and parochial residences cities were decorated with flags, and there were illuminations at night. In Montgomery, Ala., a salute of 50 guns was fired; there was a procession through the principal streets, and an oration was delivered by General Alpheus Backer.

## BUTLER VS. MCVEAGH.

The war of words between Ben Butler and Wayne McVeagh is still continued—at least they have each written another beautiful letter at the other and published it in the papers. Butler, in substance, admits that he was guilty of wholesale falsehood in his first charges against McVeagh, but drawishes out of it by saying that he didn't make them, that he heard them and didn't mean any harm. To McVeagh's insinuation about his character and reputation he asks if Mr. McVeagh thought him such a terribly bad fellow as he makes him out to be, why did he invite him to come to Pennsylvania last fall to stamp that State with him, to help carry it for the reformers? In this we are inclined to think Butler rather got the best of the Pennsylvanian. A great many of these politicians of the McVeagh class are ever ready, between elections, to denounce Butler as a thief, liar and general corruptor, but when election time comes, they are perfectly willing then to have his aid. He is not too bad then, but they are ready enough to go about from place to place with him and listen with pleasure to his tirades against the Democrats. If Mr. McVeagh believed Ben Butler to be the evil character he has painted him in his letters, and yet asked his aid in engineering in Pennsylvania in behalf of the "reform" professed in the last campaign by such republican leaders as he, then he must entertain exceedingly loose ideas of morality when he is willing to associate with, and be taught by such a character. If he did not believe it, and only reiterated the old story in order to "cut" Butler, he did not do very smart thing, and has only succeeded in proving himself as much of a scandal monger as the man he writes against. The whole thing is more like child's play than anything else. Butler accuses McVeagh of bribery, office-seeking, stinginess and fortune hunting; McVeagh retaliates by accusing Butler of lying, stealing, and general roguery, but neither brings a single item of proof to substantiate his charge. If either knows whereof he speaks, it would be an act of kindness to the people at large to do it, that the true character of either, or both of these prominent men, and aspirants for political honors, may be known. When rogues fall out many secret things are brought to light. For our own part, as matters now stand, we have but little better opinion of one than we have of the other. Butler's reputation is bad enough in all conscience, but he is not the only black sheep in the fold. He is used as a scape-goat for all the devilmint of the whole party, and to denounce Ben Butler in anti-election times is a favorite amusement with radical reformers, but they are ever quick enough to call upon him to blackguard and abuse the Democrats when they have "irons in the fire" or axes to grind, and are anxious to secure the success of their party at the polls. The associates of criminals are but little better than the criminals themselves.

**LARGE SALE OF STRAWBERRIES.**—The quantity of strawberries sold in the markets of this city yesterday was the largest ever known. Upward of 750,000 quarts were shipped to the markets and all were disposed of. Thirty thousand quarts came from Charleston, S.C., while the steamer from Norfolk brought the enormous quantity of 300,000 quarts; 75,000 of this shipment came from one grower, a former resident of Orange county in this State. He has on his farm upward of 200 acres in strawberries, and gives employment for 1,000 pickers. The freight bill for yesterday's shipment was over \$1,000, and the profit from the sale of the fruit will be about \$5,000. About 300,000 quarts came from Delaware and Maryland, a large quantity from New Jersey, and some small shipments were made from points along the Hudson. The prices realized on the fruit were from 5 to 12 cents a quart.—*N. Y. Times*.

Written for the Middletown Transcript.  
A Night in Dallas, Texas, on May 16, 1877.

**MR. EDITOR:** It was my privilege to be in Sherman, Texas, on the 16th of May, and while I was attending to some business that brought me to the State, I learned that on Thursday, the 17th, General Joseph E. Johnston was to visit Dallas, and the citizens and military companies intended to give him a grand reception. Thinking this would probably be the best opportunity I would have, while in the State, to judge of the political feeling that existed there, I started in the train at 7:30 P.M., for Dallas, a distance of sixty-three miles. On the morning of the 17th the South bound train, which arrives in Dallas, at 7 A.M., brought General Johnston, and he was met at the depot by the reception committee, consisting of General Cabell, Judge Good, and other prominent men. He will call black, black, and green, green. With a vast store of knowledge of Republican party history, and of Republican politicians, he is able to enlighten any of us as to the true inwardness of things as they stood, and as they now hang. He is preparing for what, whether timid politicians follow him or not, he will make one of the warmest fights in our party history.

At an interview last evening with District men who wished his influence with Hayes for the appointment of a Republican to an office here, General Butler said that if their friend was to succeed he must have the influence of W. W. Corcoran and General John B. Gordon. These are excellent gentlemen and Democrats by nature and associations, yet Butler came nearer the truth in assigning to them a high place in the regard of Mr. Hayes, and great influence with him.

He may confidently look for a full and early expression of Butler's feelings, and a statement of what he knows, and thinks, and guesses about the President and his supporters. If the politics of the country were in a more settled state, his character would make him comparatively powerless, but at this time I know of no man more dangerous to the Republican party.

The recent order of the President to General Ord to pursue marauders into Mexican territory whenever he sees it necessary, seems to be an unwarranted, as it is certainly an unprecedented order. It may not be that the President designs to bring on a war and acquire territory—to "water the stocks" of the country, as they say in Wall street—but it looks much as if he intends to do so. He may believe that restless spirits, North and South, will be ready to support him in such a movement, and that prospective use for the army will prevent its reduction when Congress meets. One-tenth of the force that a war with Mexico would render necessary, would protect the border settlers from harm, and would still allow the expected reduction in the army. I say nothing of the spirit of a great nation which would exhibit in "bulldozing" a weak one, for a universal sense of justice will suggest to every one who is willing to think of it, that it affords us sincere pleasure to have in our midst."

The General then stepped forward and addressing himself to the military, spoke in substance, as follows :

"Friends : I thank you for this compliment ; I am glad to see Texas volunteers organized and under arms.

During the late war it was for some time a matter of discussion as to which were the most efficient—volunteers or regulars. Both sides had the test applied, and it was conceded by all military men that the volunteers were the most efficient. Late political events have increased our partiality for volunteers—and such organizations as yours are important to any State.

Peace throughout the United States is more firmly established when volunteers are well supplied and educated.

Ayer's Pills are two well known every where to require any commendation from us here.—*Sacramento (Calif.) Times.*

There are about 200,000 armed Turks on the Danube.

Rain has fallen in India and suffering from the famine is decreasing.

The Grand Jury of Queen's county, N. Y., have indicted a firm of millmen for selling swill milk.

Six small boats were capsized in the Delaware, opposite Gloucester Point, during a squall Sunday afternoon, and three youths drowned.

**A FEW THINGS THAT WE KNOW.**—We know that the Rev. Mr. Butler, more suffering than any other cause. We know that very few physicians are successful in these disorders. We know that Dr. Coste's Radical Cure will, without the shadow of a doubt, entirely relieve and permanently cure all of these distressing symptoms. We know of thousands who are willing to testify that what we say is true to the letter. We know that if you will give it a fair trial, you will let us add your name to the column of winners.

I trial and do now a trial size 22 ct. Sold by Atkinson & Co., Middletown, or H. P. Baker, Odessa, and inquire about it, they will furnish you with a trial size bottle for 10 cts.

Large sizes 50 cts and \$1.

Also agent for Pro Parker's Pleasant Water Syrup perfectly safe and extremely palatable. No physician required. Costs 25 cents. Try it.

Wines, smooth and soft any lady's hands, arms or neck may become, who uses Glenn's Sulphur Soap. Samples of the different kinds of complexioning nature, are usually distributed by this healthful promoter of beauty. Depot, Crittenton's No. 7, 6th Avenue, N. Y. Hill's Hair and Whisker Dye, black or brown, 50 cts.

Munden Will O' the Woods—A few years ago a certain Dyers made known to their friends how easily and quickly they had been cured by this use. The great merits of Green's Aqueous Flower became heralded through the country by word of mouth, and without advertising, its salve has become immensely popular. Druggists in every town in the United States are using it. No person suffering with Sour Stomach, Sick Headache, Costiveness, Palpitation of the Heart, Indigestion, low spirit, etc., can take three drops of this salve, relief. Go to your druggist and get a bottle for 75 cents and try it. Sample bottle 10 cts.

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**MARRIED.**

**SWEETMAN—WAY.**—On May 24th, at the parsonage of the Broad street M. E. Church, 1402 Christian street, Philadelphia, by the pastor, Rev. William Downey, Mr. Franklin Sweetman, to Miss Lizzie K. Way, both of Wilmington, Del.

**DIED.**

**THOMAS.**—Near Odessa, June 2nd, Mrs. Susan Thomas, in her 95th year.

**ANDERSON.**—In Newark, N. J., June 5th, Harley R. Anderson, formerly of Middletown, Del., aged 21 years.

**THE MARKETS.**

**MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.**

COLLECTED WEEKLY BY ISAAC JONES, JR.

Wheat.....\$1 00@ \$1 80  
Corn, yellow.....55 cts  
Corn, white.....55 cts  
Oats.....35 cts  
Timothy Seed.....35 cts  
Clover.....13@14 cts @ 1 lb

**MIDDLETOWN PRODUCT MARKET.**

COLLECTED WEEKLY BY ISAAC JONES, JR.

Eggs.....20 cts per dozen  
Butter.....15@18cts per lb  
Lard.....11@12 cts @ 1 lb

**PHILADELPHIA MARKETS.**

Fine red wheat.....\$1 50@ \$2 85  
Corn.....62@64 1/2 lbs  
Oats.....59@62  
Daisies.....45@45  
Clover seed.....60@60  
Timothy seed.....1.90

**BALTIMORE MARKETS.**

Wheat, good to number.....1 70@ \$1 85  
Corn, white.....58@60  
Corn, yellow.....59@62  
Oats, Southern.....43@45  
Rye.....75@80

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HENRY CLAYTON, Two miles west of Mount Pleasant, Delaware.

**CHESTER WHITES.**—A few full-blooded Chester White Pigs for sale. E. C. FENMORE, Near Odessa, Del., June 9

**AT THE MIDDLETOWN HARNESS SHOP**

We keep constantly on hand, and make to order, the BEST manner, and of the

best material, all kinds of

**HARNESS**

in any style of mounting the purchaser may desire.

Also, a good assortment of

**SADDLES, COLLARS,**

**WHIPS, BOOTS,**

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Just received an excellent assortment of LEATHER, FLY-NETS, SHEETS, DUSTERS, and all other seasonable goods, all of which will be sold at moderate price.

Orders solicited and promptly attended to.

Repairing of all kinds done without delay.

A. H. RUSSELL, Middletown, Del., June 9-12

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A Coach Shop, Ground and Premises, late

the property of John Townsend, dec'd., and

situated in the thriving town of Middletown,

New Castle County, State of Delaware, and

now occupied by D. H. Howell. It is a good

start for a Coach Shop, and could, if desired, be changed, at little expense, into a Fire Drying House. Title good.

Pace: Two Thousand Dollars; one-half

cash, the other half in one year, satisfactorily

secured, and interest from day of sale.

SAMUEL TOWNSEND, Trustee, Townsend, Del., May 5th, 1877.

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SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 9, 1877.

## LOCAL AND STATE AFFAIRS

The Presbyterian Sunday school of Mifflin  
will make an excursion to Ocean City on the  
13th inst.

Mr. W. H. J. Lingo, of this town, met with  
an accident one day this week, by the kick of  
a horse.

Twenty-three building permits were granted  
in Wilmington in May.

Capt. Samuel Pennington, of this town, lost  
a valuable cow on Thursday, from sickness un-  
known to us.

New Castle jail is rapidly filling up. Two,  
and sometimes three, additions are said to be made  
daily to its stock.

Base ball has been revived in Smyrna. A  
club under the name of the Smyrna base ball  
club, was organized there last week.

There will be Divine Service in the church  
at St. Augustine, Md. (Manor) to-morrow  
(Sunday) afternoon at 3½ o'clock.

Bishop Lee consecrated the new P. E.  
Church of St. John, the Baptist, at Milton, on  
Tuesday, and confirmed four persons.

The house of George Baird, keeper of a toll-  
gate on the Concord pike, was burglarized on  
Monday night and \$50 carried away.

One of the Wilmington temperance tents, in  
which the meetings are being held, was blown  
down in the big storm on Tuesday night.

The Dover postoffice is said to be finished at  
last. It has been nearly three years in build-  
ing and cost the Government \$60,000.

Mrs. Susan Thomas, widow of D. Wilson  
Thomas, died at her residence, near Odessa,  
last Saturday at the advanced age of 95 years.

The storm of this week is said to have been  
what is commonly called "Blackberry Storm,"  
as the berry bushes are coming in bloom just  
now.

The total number of strawberries that have  
been shipped off the Delaware R. R. to the  
northern markets, thus far, is about 500 car  
loads.

A fire in the early part of this week is  
said not to have reached the lower part of the  
Peninsula, and they still have it dry and dusty  
down there.

A Wilmington "colored man" stole a set of  
harness from one Charles Brooks last week and  
being pursued by a policeman threw them into  
the Christians.

Elijah Crouch, a local preacher of the M. E.  
Church, died at Dover Thursday afternoon  
week. He used to be called the "Old Temper-  
ance War Horse."

The P. W. & B. R. R. Co. are moving the  
brick station house at Chester. It will be  
moved sixteen feet back from its present posi-  
tion and enlarged.

The teachers of the Forest Presbyterian  
Sunday school are making arrangements to  
have a picnic, for their sch'ol, at an early  
day not yet fixed upon.

The Milton Dramatic Association of Dela-  
ware City are going to give an entertainment  
in the Town Hall, Odessa, next Wednesday  
evening. See advertisement.

A grand Temperance mass meeting, under  
the auspices of the several churches of the city,  
was held in the West Presbyterian Church of  
Wilmington, Thursday night.

Report says a man was killed a short dis-  
tance below Dover, by lightning during the  
storm on Wednesday morning. We did not  
learn his name, nor where he lived.

The Delaware R. R. Co. have been making  
a survey for a route from Dover to Milford,  
with a view to constructing a railroad between  
those towns, via Frederica, so the Milford News  
says.

The Governor has offered a reward of \$300  
for information that will lead to the arrest and  
conviction of the villain who made a felonious  
assault on Miss Smith, near Blackiston's cross  
roads recently.

Strawberries have been coming into town  
pretty freely this week, and were sold at from  
10 to 12 cents per quart. In Wilmington,  
Philadelphia and New York they brought at  
the same time from 5 to 10 cents.

Mr. Biggs, dunderer for the brick work  
on Maj. Biggs' house, lost his footing off the  
scaffolding one day last week and but the  
timely catching of one of his men would have  
probably got a severe fall.

A large log or stringer, was carelessly left  
lying upon a bridge, now being built over the  
Nanticoke river, near Seaford, a few days ago,  
and came within an ace of causing a big "ac-  
cident" to the afternoon mail train.

Many of our readers will see with regret the  
notice of the death of young Harley Anderson  
who but lately assisted his brother, Clarence  
Anderson, in the drug store in this town, now  
occupied by Messrs. Atkinson & Co.

The potato bugs are thicker this spring than  
they have ever been before, in this neighbor-  
hood, and are playing hay with the potatoes.  
A little Paris Green will fit them though,  
and Lindley & Kemp, and Atkinson & Co. have  
plenty of it.

Mr. A. Chapman, of Wilmington, will  
please accept our thanks for a bunch of very  
excellent segars. If our smoking friends want  
something nice in the way of segars or tobacco  
we advise them to call on Mr. Chapman. His  
place is at the S. W. corner of Fourth &  
Shipley streets.

The Wilmington Morning Herald says that  
last week a red-headed drunkard went into one  
of the hotels in that city and asked for a drink.  
The tavern keeper told him he was a fool not  
to keep his pledge, and said he should not  
commence breaking it at his bar. The fellow  
had to go away without his drink.

Divine Services.

Rev. Dr. Paxton will preach at the chapel,  
at Araratson, on (to-morrow) Sabbath after-  
noon at 3 o'clock. Subject: "The Sabbath  
School Lesson."

### Suit Entered.

The Delaware State Insurance Company, of  
Delaware City, has instituted suit against the  
*Every Evening and Commercial* for \$50,000  
damages, for publishing that institution as a  
bogus one. The case was deferred.

### Temperance Meeting.

The second of the series of Gospel Temper-  
ance Meetings, under the auspices of the Wo-  
men's Temperance Association of Middletown,  
will be held in the Town Hall to-morrow after-  
noon at half-past four o'clock. All are invited.

### Children's Day.

To-morrow is "Children's Day" at the M.  
Church in this town. Services appropriate  
to the occasion will be held at the usual hours,  
morning, afternoon and evening. The church  
will be handsomely decorated with flowers and  
evergreens. A cordial invitation is extended  
to all who wish to do so, to attend.

### P. E. Convention.

The annual convention of the P. E. Church  
of the diocese of Delaware, which has been in  
session this week, at Georgetown, adjourned on  
Thursday. The following were chosen as  
delegates to the General Convention: Clerical—  
Messrs. Brooks, Douglass, McKain and Let-  
tell. Lay—Messrs. Curtis, Fell, Raymond and  
Bates.

### Welcome Shower.

The dry weather which was fast becoming a  
drought, received a temporary check on Tues-  
day morning by a delightful, though not very  
heavy, rain, which settled the dust and made  
the women folks and storekeepers happy, if it  
didn't soak the corn roots much, and pre-  
vented some persons from doing work that they  
intended to do that day. A heavy rain fell at  
night.

### Sewing Machines.

We ask the attention of any of our readers  
who may wish to secure a good Sewing Ma-  
chine to the advertisement in to-day's issue of  
A. T. Stoops, No. 22 South 8th street, Philadel-  
phia. Mr. Stoops is agent for "The New  
Sewing Machine," and dealer in all the  
first-class makes of machines. The machines  
have been greatly reduced in price, and no extra  
charge is made for boxing or shipping to par-  
ties who reside in the country. Read the ad-  
vertisement.

**Fire in Elton.**

The storm on Tuesday night was the heaviest  
that has visited this section this season so far.  
The rain came down in floods and the flash of  
lightning followed by a tremendous and instant  
crash of thunder startled the people from  
their slumbers and scared some pretty nearly  
out of their wits. Next morning the cause of  
the great crash was ascertained to have been  
the striking by lightning of the stable of Mr.  
Joseph Geary, at the east end of the town.  
The building was struck at the gable and the bolt  
passed down and killed the horse of Mr. Geary  
in the stable beneath. It passed through the  
hay without doing any harm to anything until it struck the horse. The loss is quite  
severe to Mr. Geary.

**The Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Co.**

An annual meeting of the stockholders of  
the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company  
was held Monday morning at the office of the  
company in Philadelphia. The report of the  
directors shows that during the year 1876-77  
the receipts from all sources were \$227,000.43,  
and the total expenditures, including interest  
on the bonds, repairs, etc., were \$213,782.65.  
Andrew C. Gray, of New Castle, was re-elected  
President. Nearly all the directors are Phila-  
delphians.

### New Advertisements.

Henry Clayton advertises a prime lot of cab-  
bage plants, just the thing to feed peach pickers  
on.—E. C. Fenimore advertises some fine  
Chestnut White Jigs full blood.—The Milton  
Seaside Association announce their enter-  
tainment next Wednesday evening.—Samuel  
Townsend, Esq., advertises the coach shops,  
now occupied by H. D. Howell & Son, in Mid-  
delton, to be sold at Public Sale on the 17th  
of July. He also, announces the sale of his  
farm in Somersett County, Md., on the 10th of  
July.—A. T. Stoops advertises cheap sewing  
machines.—Wilmington Trotting Association  
publish their programme of races.

### Robbery at New Castle.

A bold and most impudent burglary was  
committed in the store of James T. Eliason &  
Bro., in New Castle, Sunday morning. About  
2 or 3 o'clock, that morning, burglars entered  
the store, and, passing through, went to the  
room of the young men over the store, carried  
off their clothes, took from their pockets what  
was in them, and left. The Exchange Hotel was  
brought under control and its ravages stayed.  
At one time it was feared that the efforts of the  
citizens would not be sufficient to stop the fire  
and a general conflagration was feared. A  
despatch was sent to Wilmington for assistance  
and two engines were gotten ready and placed  
upon a special freight train and were about  
ready to start when word was received that the  
fire was subdued and their services were  
not needed.

The two burnt stores were the property of  
Mr. H. C. Hurn and were worth about \$3000  
or \$4000, and were insured in the Cen. Fire  
Insurance Company for \$1,250. The confec-  
tionery store that was pulled down belonged to  
Mr. Alexander, who had a small legacy, ex-  
cept a few small legacies, to the United States  
Post Office, provided that none of his relatives  
could be found. It appears that he has  
many blood relations in this county, and Mrs.  
Pepper, wife of Moulton Pepper, of George-  
town, is a daughter of the brother of the de-  
ceased. Mr. Lewis died in Philadelphia lately.

The ladies and gentlemen of the Westminster  
Presbyterian Church, at Georgetown, Md.,  
will also hold a strawberry and ice cream  
festival on their church lawn on the evenings of  
Thursday and Friday next.

On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings next  
a festival of strawberries, ice cream and other  
luxuries will be held in the grove connected  
with Union M. E. Church, Appoquinimink  
Circular by the ladies of that church.

The ladies of Bethel M. E. Church purpose  
holding for the benefit of their Sunday school,  
an ice cream and strawberry festival on the  
afternoon and evening of Wednesday, June 13,  
in the lecture room of the church, to which all  
of their friends and the community in general  
are cordially invited.

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ster Presbyterian Church, at Georgetown, Md.,  
will also hold a strawberry and ice cream  
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## Select Poetry.

VISION OF BELSHAZZAR.

BY LORD BYRON.

The King was on his throne,  
The straits throng'd the hall;  
A thousand bright lamps shone  
O'er that high festival.  
A thousand lamps of gold,  
In Judæan deem'd divine—  
Jehovah's vessels hold—  
The goddess Heavens' wine!

In that same hour and half,  
The Captains of a host  
Came forth against the wall,  
And wrote as on sand.  
The fingers of a man—  
A solitary hand  
Along the letters ran,  
And traced them like a wand.

The monarch saw and shook,  
And made no more rejoice;  
All blushing was'd his look,  
And left him pale before.  
Let the men of lore appear,  
The wisest of the earth  
And expound the words of fear,  
Which mar our royal mirth."

Chaldean's seers are good,  
But here they have no skill;  
And the unknown letters stood  
Untold and awful still.  
And in that hour of age  
Are wise and dear in love,  
But now they were not sage,  
They saw—but knew no more.

A captive in the land,  
A stranger and a youth,  
He heard the king's command,  
She saw that writing's truth.  
The lamps around were bright;  
The prophet by view;  
He read it in the night;  
The morn proved it true.

"Belshazzar's grave is made,  
His Kingdom pass'd away,  
He, in the balance weigh'd,  
Is light and worthless clay.  
The shroud his robe of state,  
His canopy the stone;  
The Mobe is at his gate  
The Persian on his throne."

## Agricultural.

KEEPING DOWN THE WEEDS — The

London Garden remarks:—The only remedy for weeds is prompt destruction in a young state. Weeds are easily eradicated if never allowed to advance beyond the seed-leaf. Once let their roots run deep and wide, and their tops run high, and then the weeds are masters in the garden. It provokes one to see the complacency with which some cultivators allow weeds to establish themselves in flower beds or borders, on roads or walks, and their subsequent futile efforts to subjugate them. Prompt destruction will ultimately vanquish the worst of them. Plants, grass, thistles, and docks, are perhaps the most difficult to eradicate. But if by any neglect these have gained a strong footing in any garden, constant hoeing alone will destroy them. No plant can live long if never allowed to form leaves or stems, and the shortest, surest, easiest way to eradicate the worst weeds is by incessant cutting off their visible parts."

CORN CULTURE.—The main object to be aimed at is to keep it clean from the time it is first worked until ready to lay by; but as we have frequently stated, we decidedly oppose the use of the plough after the plants get to be of the height of 9 or 12 inches. Then it should be replaced by the cultivator, by the use of which the breaking and tearing of the lateral roots is avoided. These feeders undoubtedly stretch out several feet in every direction, and as the plough which they appropriate for assimilation and the building up of the plant is taken in at their extremities, of course any plan of cultivation pursued which systematically breaks up these feeders several times during the growth of the crop, must cause a diminished yield, proportioned to the injury thus inflicted. —American Farmer.

RAISING GEESE.—When a farmer has a tract of low marshy land near his house, where there is a running stream of water, he might raise geese profitably, by confining them to this tract during the day in summer, and yarding them at night. When allowed to run on the good grass land there is much danger that it kills the grass where dropped; and for this reason many farmers have given up breeding them. But they are certainly profitable, as they are subject to no disease, require no food but grass, and are always salable, when dressed, at a fair price, and their feathers will pay the expenses of keeping them. With an extensive marshy range more money could be made by raising geese than on any other kind of domestic poultry.

PLANT TREES.—If every farmer and every farmer's son would plant for himself and for every female member of his family one shade or fruit tree each, every year, how immense would be the increase of value in farms, and how largely the comforts of farmers would be increased. "Plant a tree and it will grow while you sleep," is an old proverb, the teachings of which are not forgotten as they should be.

There is not a farm in this great commonwealth of ours, or in the whole country, on which there is not room for many fruit and forest trees, and which would not be greatly improved in appearance and worth by their presence.

The actual outlay in money and labor connected with the planting of a tree is so small, and the resulting product so great, that it has long been a mystery why farmers are so negligently of this important duty. But the fact of their remissness stands unchallenged. A ride through the country in almost any direction establishes it. Farm houses stand exposed to the glaring heat of the summer sun; entire farms are guiltless of fruit trees of any kind. This should not be. Economy, health, comfort and beauty all demand that there shall be a change. Every day demonstrates more conclusively the growing value of forest trees. Every day proves the healthful and nutritious qualities of fruit, and yet in view of these incontrovertible truths farmers will not plant trees.

THE CULTIVATION OF THE PEANUT.—Peanuts, besides being an agreeable article of food in all countries, are more valuable on account of the oil they contain, which gives them a commercial value, rendering their cultivation quite profitable—some astonishing accounts of the profit over the cost of production being given in the public prints. Their culture as a field crop has been confined principally to North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, but of late has extended to California, where its cultivation is largely on the increase.

The oil is said to be equal to that of the olive for every purpose to which the latter is adapted, and is often sold in many parts of the world as pure olive oil. It is said to keep longer without becoming rancid than any other vegetable oil, and as an illuminating oil to

give a superior light. When cold pressed the peanut yields a large percentage, and if heated before pressing a still larger quantity, although in the latter case its fine flavor as a table oil is somewhat impaired. The hotter the climate the greater the percentage of oil is said to be. When roasted and finely ground they are an excellent substitute for chocolate, and large quantities are used for that purpose in most tropical countries.

Although a sandy loam seems to suit it best, yet the cultivation of the peanut is not confined to any particular soil, any light soil to which a good coat of well-rotted stable or chip manure has been applied being more favorable to its production than soils containing more body. They are usually planted in rows two feet apart, and the kernels dropped six or seven inches apart in the row, and then cultivated deeply until they begin to bloom, after which it is only necessary to keep down the grass and weeds by hand-weeding and hoeing. Some advise that in their cultivation the bloom should be covered up, supposing that the bud, where the bloom appears, produces fruit; but this is hardly probable, it being more likely that the bud only produces the flower necessary to make them produce. If so, the covering up the bloom must inevitably prove injurious.

As soon as the frost kills the vines they should be pulled up, and any of the kernels left in the ground dug up with hoes, and the whole washed clean and dried to prevent moulding.

THE FARMER.—When the farmer can so manage his farm as to make both ends meet even if it be with the most rigid economy, he should be content to his lot. If we take a survey of the business men of our villages and cities, we find that only two or three or four in a hundred realize a competence for old age. Then imagine the unhappiness of those who sooner or later, fail to support themselves and families respectively—and care and anxiety that constantly produce pangs and tortures that no farmer ever felt. These may apparently lead happy lives, as the world cannot witness the emotions of a man who strains every financial nerve to meet his notes falling due at the bank. The time between 1 and 3 o'clock every day in the city of New York, brings more anxieties to the business men than all the farmers of the United States realize in a lifetime.

No, farmers, your lot is not a hard one. Your food may be plain and the cut of your coat may not be as fashionable as those of the merchants of the day, but when you lie upon your pillows your repose is sound and sweet. The harrows of protestation seldom keep you awake at night; and in the morning as you go around to feed your flocks and view your crops that have visibly grown, while you were in the arms of Morpheus, you may take more real enjoyment in life in one hour than many city merchants and manufacturers do in a year. Our advice therefore is, not to be disheartened. The times may now be hard; but you are promised "seed-time and harvest" to the end, and with hard labor and judicious management, you come out in the end victorious. —*Stilwater (Minn.) Messenger.*

Farming is spread over too much surface to be profitable in the highest degree; it occasions great waste of travel for man and beast. Cows and other domestic animals drop much fertilizing matter in the high-ways. Distant fields cannot be so directly under the owner's eye as home fields. Cultivate less acres and cultivate them better.

No process is so fatal as that which will cast all men in one mould. Every human being is intended to have a character of his own, to be what no other is, to do what no other can do. Our common nature is to be unfolded in unbounded dive rities. It is rich enough for infinite manifestations. It is to wear innumerable forms of beauty and glory. Every human being has a work to carry on within, duties to perform abroad, influence to exert, which are peculiarly his, and which no one can teach but his own can teach. Let him not enslave his conscience to others, but act with the freedom, strength and dignity of one whose highest law is in his own heart.

Miscellaneous.

## Reciprocity Shirt!

ALL MADE,

With exception of the button holes  
Made of Wamsutta Muslin and  
2100 Heavy Linen!

We feel confident that we are giving intrinsically the best made and  
best fitting shirt

THAT HAS EVER BEEN OFFERED FOR \$1.25.

The RECIPROCITY SHIRT is superior to most shirts, first-class, (so-called) for the following reasons:

Our Collar Bands are Linen, and are Three Ply.

Our Cuffs are Linen, and are Three Ply.

The Back Facings are both upper and under side wide, giving Strength and finish.

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All made but the button holes, and only \$1.25 each.

J. P. DOUGHTEN'S,  
No. 410 Market Street.

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make the approval of every one who may give him a call. The bedding and chamber will be well prepared, and the rooms will be equally so.

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JOHN C. VOSHELL.

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THE undersigned respectfully informs the citizens of Middlebury and vicinity, that he and his wife, Wm. & Carol, do to all kinds of HAULING at the lowest rates. Coal and Lumber hauled at short notice and on the most reasonable terms. Orders for baggage or other parcels left at the Post Office will receive prompt attention. Good Building Sand always on hand.

W. W. WILSON.

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J. B. FOARD.

WM. A. COMEGYS.

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Grain Commission Merchants,

AND WHOLESALERS IN

COAL.

## Lime, Fertilizers,

## Agricultural Implements.

## Miscellaneous.

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INVENTION OF 1877!

"Hold the Fruit"

FOR THE BOY'S

Invention of 1877!

## Register's Orders.

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REGISTER'S OFFICE,  
New Castle County, May 25th, 1877.

Upon the application of Seward F. Shallcross and Jacob K. Long, Administrators of George Barnholz, late of ————, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register that the Administrators aforesaid, give notice of granting Letters of Administration upon the Estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters, to wit, the 25th day of June, 1877, in the county of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the Estate to present the same or abide by an Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

Given under the hand and Seal of

Office of the Register aforesaid, at

New Castle, the day and year above written.

S. C. BIGGS, Register.

NOTICE!

All persons having claims against the Estate of the deceased, must present the same to the Register, in writing, on or before the 25th day of June, 1877, or abide the

Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

SERCER F. SHALLCROSS,

JACOB K. LONG,

Administrators.

Address—ODESSA, DEL.

## Miscellaneous Ad's.

## CARRIAGES

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ARRIAGES  
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ALWAYS ON HAND  
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REQUEST TO BE  
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GOOD AS REPRESENTED, OR  
IVE YOUR MONEY BACK.

EVERY ATTENTION GIVEN TO  
EACH CUSTOMER  
TRUSTING US WITH WORK.

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REGISTER'S ORDER.

REGISTER'S OFFICE,

New Castle County, May 24th, 1877.

Upon the application of John C. Corbit and William C. Sprague, Executors of Daniel Corbit, late of St. Georges Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register that the Executors aforesaid, give notice of granting Letters of Administration upon the Estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters, to wit, the 25th day of June, 1877, in the county of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the Estate to present the same or abide by an Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

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## Time Tables.

## PHILADELPHIA, WILMINGTON AND BALTIMORE RAILROAD.

Del. Division.—Time Table.

SUMMER ARRANGEMENT.

ON and after Monday, MAY 14th, 1877, (Sundays excepted,) Trains will leave as follows:

SOUTHWARD.